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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3343–3360; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99; and H. Res. 392, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 391, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 992) to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2374) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–253).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable C.W. Bill Young—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment on October 24, 2013 of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable C.W. Bill Young: Representatives Ros-Lehtinen and Boehner; The members of the Florida delegation: Representatives Brown, Hastings, Mica, Crenshaw, Miller, Diaz-Balart, Wasserman Schultz, Bilirakis, Buchanan, Castor, Posey, Rooney, Deutch, Nugent, Ross, Southerland, Webster, Wilson, Grayson, DeSantis, Frankel, Garcia, Murphy, Radel, and Yoho; and Representatives Cantor, Pelosi, Hoyer, McCarthy (CA), Young (AK), Sensenbrenner, Rogers (KY), Wolf, Visclosky, Bishop (GA), Calvert, McKeon, Frelinghuysen, Jackson Lee, Latham, Price (NC), Aderholt, Granger, Sessions, Carter, Cole, King (IA), Gohmert, Roe (TN), Nunnelee, and Womack.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing and requesting the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict: H.R. 3304, to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor;

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Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2013: H.R. 1742, to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance;

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Establishing a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 2189, amended, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 561;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To improve the processing of disability claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."

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Veterans Economic Opportunity Act of 2013: H.R. 2481, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify and improve the election requirements for the receipt of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to benefits, and for other purposes."

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Amending title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued

for the denial of a benefit sought: H.R. 1405, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought; and **Pages H6800–04**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include a notice of disagreement form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.” **Page H6804**

Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013: H.R. 2011, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 562. **Pages H6804–06, H6806–07**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6806**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Major Owens, former Member of Congress.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6806 and H6807. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SWAPS REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT; AND RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 992, the “Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act; and H.R. 2374, the “Retail Investor Protection Act”.

The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 992. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 2, the rule granted a structured rule for H.R. 2374. The rule grants one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–23 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended,

shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that a motion to proceed with regard to a joint resolution of disapproval specified in section 1002 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014, may be offered even if the joint resolution has not been reported or discharged, shall be in order only on the legislative day of October 29, 2013 or the legislative day of October 30, 2013, and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. In section 4, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from October 31, 2013, through November 11, 2013: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Finally, in section 5, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4 of the resolution. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hensarling, Waters, and Conaway.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D997)

H.R. 2775, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. Signed on October 17, 2013. (Public Law 113–46)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on the essentials of a functioning housing finance system for consumers, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine broadband adoption, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.